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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, Military Construction, Army (MCA) Program and Army Family Housing (AFH) Programs

1. Headquarters Department of Army (HQDA) is in the process of releasing the remainder of subject program for design. In an effort to improve the design process for the FY 05 program, we are issuing updated guidance (enclosed) that incorporates lessons learned from the FY 04 MCA program. These instructions were sent to you in draft form for review and comment. Thank you for your responses. All submitted comments were discussed and considered by my office and OACSIM.
2. The updated guidance is detailed and covers many aspects of the design effort. There is one major change I want to point out. With release of design code 2/3 in Oct and early Nov, the Army has accelerated initial design release compared to recent years. There is, however, a corresponding shift in submittal date for the ENG Form 3086. As indicated in the updated guidance, completed parametric hard-copy packages and electronic data are due at HQUSACE no later than 15 May 03 for MCA and 16 Jun 03 for AFH. As a result of OSD moving its schedule forward, OACSIM and HQUSACE experienced significant schedule problems for the FY 04 program. As a result, the above dates are firm.
3. It is a little early and many things can happen to upset the programming process but we need to plan ahead in order to improve our first and second quarter execution for FY 05. HQDA provided authority for final design (code 6/7) for most of the FY 04 program by 30 May 02. HQDA also worked to get authority to advertise the FY 03 program released prior to 1 Aug 02. I expect similar timely authorities for FY 05. You need to work intensely with your districts so they are prepared to advertise early – and award more projects earlier than we have traditionally done. More will follow in the coming months.
4. My point of contact here at HQUSACE for the consolidated guidance is Mr. Robert Perrine, 202-761-1260. His e-mail address is Robert.M.Perrine@HQ02.USACE.ARMY.MIL.

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